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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 4 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 79th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/53/576) [63]

2. Maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States: report of the First Committee (A/53/577) [64]

3. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/53/578) [65]

4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/579) [66]

5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/580) [67]

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/53/581) [68]

7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/53/582) [69]

8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/53/583) [70]

9. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/584) [71]

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/53/585) [72]

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/53/586) [73]

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/587) [74]

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13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/53/588) [75]

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/53/589) [76]

15. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/53/590) [77]

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/53/591) [78]

17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/53/592) [79]

18. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/53/593) [80]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 39th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures (A/52/852)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned (A/53/410)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.57 (A/C.5/53/39)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867 and A/53/508)

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only), A/53/134, A/C.5/53/41, A/C.5/53/42, A/C.5/ 53/43 and A/C.5/53/44))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

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* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

6.30 p.m.- 7.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1 and A/ 53/513))

7.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669))

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	special meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates under section 1: United Nations Political Office in Bougainville
2. Mini-executive on the Board of Auditors
3. Draft report

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1393rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides as follows:

"The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

Delegations that have not submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 27 to the Secretary-General in respect of the fifty-third session of the Assembly are asked to do so without delay so that these credentials may be examined by the Credentials Committee at its 2nd meeting.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 4 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission for Sustainable Development: Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 4 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 7 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 80th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: third report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.2) [8]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [36]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/672)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.60)

   (c) Amendment (A/53/L.61)

3. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [160]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/574 and Corr.1)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.43/Rev.1)

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/53/L.62) [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/53/L.59) [20 (a)]

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44) [20 (b)]

5. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/53/L.39) [24]

6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/53/L.21/Rev.1) [35]

7. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/53/L.40) [164]

8. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

   (a) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

   (b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/698, A/53/699)

9. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

10. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/707) [17 (a)]

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/708) [17 (b)]

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/709) [17 (c)]

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/710) [17 (d)]

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711) [17 (e)]

(f) International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712) [17 (f)]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 7 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on *Wednesday, 9 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.*

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

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Orientation course

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday, 16 December 1998.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 3 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3951st meeting

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/1110)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at her request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1135, which had been submitted by Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Angola.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1135).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1135) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1213 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

78th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 78th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/234).

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Turkey, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Spain, Canada, Belgium, China, Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, United States, France, Tunisia, Portugal, Sweden, the European Commission and Jordan.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1998

55th and 56th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Cyprus (E/1994/104/Add.12) and of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33) by adopting concluding observations with respect to each of them.

The Committee also continued the examination of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.14).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Accession: Djibouti (2 December 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Estonia (3 December 1998)

Signature: Viet Nam (3 December 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Solomon Islands (3 December 1998)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (3 December 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of gift

Today, 4 December 1998, at 12.30 p.m. the President of the General Assembly, in his capacity as Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, will present a gift of a sculpture in wood entitled "Amaneciendo Verticalmente". The unveiling of the sculpture, by artist Ricardo Pascale, will take place in front of the Secretariat Building. The sculpture will be received by the Deputy Secretary-General, on behalf of the United Nations.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" and "Journey to Bethlehem 2000". They can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area until *today*, 4 December 1998.

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Signing ceremony

The United Nations and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) are launching a Programme of Co-operation. The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations, organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. A panel discussion on "Accountability in Governance: Perspectives from ASPA" will follow. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Jeanne-Marie Col (tel.: 963-8377) or Mr. Gary Manukyan (tel.: 963-5410).

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

10 December 1998

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Opening of the plenary meeting
	Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes
	Statements on the fiftieth anniversary
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting

Other events at Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

3-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

10 December 1998

9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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